

stand in this Chamber for as long as is needed to ensure that honorable principle.

The fiscal year 2005 appropriations process was indeed a tough fight, but it is vitally important for Members to understand that portions of the tax revenue should be given back to the constituents. For Houston, TX, I am happy to report the following awards:

In the Labor, HHS portion of this bill, the Donald Watkins Memorial Foundation will receive \$340,000. This is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-based organization established as a direct response to the rising number of persons living with HIV/AIDS, PLWHA.

The Houston Area Urban League will receive \$300,000 to aid in its 35-years-old mission of assisting the poor and disenfranchised achieve social and economic equality with the Communities to Work program.

The Houston Independent School District will receive \$770,000 to do its work in early-childhood education. These dollars will enable HISD to address the critical need of developing an infrastructure suitable for implementing and operating a program that will deliver an integrated continuum of services to young children and their families.

The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship will receive \$400,000 to facilitate the following goals: developing student and faculty leadership; advancing the position of Public HBCUs by providing access to best practices in development and education; increasing technology, operations, communications and staff and student expertise; strengthening minority professional involvement with students in the areas of community service and career development; and targeting increased outreach activities of Public HBCUs historical service to disadvantaged students high school guidance counselors and students to assure that those in need are aware of and have access to the opportunities available at Public HBCUs.

The Center for Research on Minority Health at the University of Texas' M.D. Anderson Cancer Center will receive \$500,000 to aid in the focus on cancer and other health issues that disproportionately affect ethnic minorities and the medically underserved. While the CRMH currently works with minority and underserved populations in the Houston area, its activities will ultimately serve as a model for other communities nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, because these projects as well as the others that I received in the Transportation and the VA, HUD portions of the bill have been so severely cut as a result of the Republican tax cut scheme, I vote "yes" on passage with great reluctance.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). The Chair would remind all Members that it is improper under the House rules to refer to Senators in either a positive or negative fashion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 866, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 114) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 114 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 114

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 108-309 is amended by striking the date specified in section 107(c) and inserting the following: "December 3, 2004".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 866, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG).

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation before us, H.J. Res. 114, which I have already referred to during the final discussion on the omnibus appropriations bill, will extend the current CR until December 3. And it is a straight, clean CR, strictly for the purpose of allowing the House and the other body to go through the administrative process of enrolling the legislation, of transmitting it to the President, giving the President some time to look at it closely before he signs the bill, and that is the extent of it.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, no choice. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois (Speaker HASTERT).

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida for yielding me this time.

Times like these, after we have been through a whole session of Congress and with our rules that after 6 years our chairman steps down, the gentleman that I have been through a lot of battles with, we have worked together on a lot of issues, trying to make sure that we meet the needs of the people of this country, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) has been an exemplary chairman. He has worked hard to make sure that all needs are met and sometimes in pretty tough situations. I think, by and large, he has been a person who has been able to reach across the aisle and work. That is a great personality plus. That is a great asset in this Chamber.

I think we all just want to say a heartfelt thank you for his service. He is going to be around here for a while. But as he steps down, this is his last

bill as chairman, and from the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank him for his work and for his service and for making this institution part of what it is. I thank the gentleman and God bless him.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

The question is on engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4818, CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 4818 on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

The Clerk read the title of the conference report.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 344, nays 51, answered "present" 1, not voting 37, as follows:

[Roll No. 542]

YEAS—344

Abercrombie	Capito	Evans
Aderholt	Capuano	Everett
Alexander	Cardin	Farr
Allen	Cardoza	Ferguson
Andrews	Carson (IN)	Foley
Baca	Carson (OK)	Forbes
Baker	Carter	Frank (MA)
Baldwin	Castle	Frelinghuysen
Barrett (SC)	Chandler	Frost
Barton (TX)	Chocola	Gallegly
Bass	Clay	Gerlach
Beauprez	Clyburn	Gilchrest
Becerra	Coble	Gingrey
Bell	Cole	Gonzalez
Berkley	Cooper	Goode
Berman	Cramer	Goodlatte
Berry	Crane	Gordon
Biggert	Crenshaw	Granger
Billirakis	Crowley	Green (TX)
Bishop (GA)	Cubin	Greenwood
Bishop (NY)	Culberson	Gutierrez
Bishop (UT)	Cummings	Gutknecht
Blackburn	Cunningham	Hall
Blunt	Davis (AL)	Harman
Boehlert	Davis (CA)	Harris
Boehner	Davis (FL)	Hart
Bonilla	Davis (IL)	Hastert
Bonner	Davis (TN)	Hastings (FL)
Bono	Davis, Tom	Hastings (WA)
Boozman	DeFazio	Hayes
Boucher	DeLauro	Hayworth
Boyd	DeLay	Herger
Bradley (NH)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Herseth
Brady (PA)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hill
Brady (TX)	Dicks	Hinchey
Brown (OH)	Doggett	Hinojosa
Brown (SC)	Dooley (CA)	Hoekstra
Brown, Corrine	Doolittle	Holden
Brown-Waite,	Doyle	Holt
Ginny	Dreier	Honda
Burgess	Edwards	Hooley (OR)
Burns	Ehlers	Houghton
Burton (IN)	Emanuel	Hoyer
Butterfield	Emerson	Hulshof
Buyer	Engel	Hunter
Calvert	English	Hyde
Camp	Eshoo	Isakson
Cantor	Etheridge	Israel